



## **HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco to Unite Global Leaders, Scientists, Celebrities and Philanthropists at the Third Annual Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean on September 26, 2019**

**August 15, 2019 (Monte-Carlo)** – HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and his Foundation will unite scientists, business leaders, philanthropists and celebrities in Monte-Carlo on September 26, 2019 at the Terraces of the Opera Garnier for the third annual **Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean**.

The Monte-Carlo Gala – organized by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation with the support of Global Fundraising Chairman Milutin Gatsby – has become a milestone in the international agenda for Ocean protection. Anchored by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, the Gala raises critical funds in support of the Foundation's efforts to preserve and protect the Ocean from the devastating effects of climate change and other human activities. Previous Gala honorees have included Leonardo DiCaprio and Orlando Bloom, both of whom were recognized for their contributions to raising awareness for the Ocean crisis. The 2019 Guest of Honor will be announced in the coming weeks.

*"Today, the Ocean which covers over two-thirds of the planet is threatened more than it has ever been before in the history of humankind. Today, the Ocean needs us...It needs us to establish a new relationship with it: more attentive, more responsible, more sustainable,"* said HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco.

The Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean will follow the release of the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC)** in Monaco on September 25<sup>th</sup>, which HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco was instrumental in commissioning through his Government and his Foundation.

The global Ocean has reached a point of crisis:

- Over 10 billion tons of litter enter the Ocean every year
- By 2050, plastics are expected to outnumber fish in the Ocean
- 80% of international trade is seaborne
- Coastal areas vulnerable to the crisis are now home to nearly half the world's population
- 1 billion people over the globe depend on seafood as their main source of protein
- CO2 emissions from fossil fuel are destabilizing the Ocean's temperature and causing it to acidify *100 times faster* than at any other point in human history
- 50% of the oxygen we breathe comes from the Ocean
- 25% of the greenhouse gas emissions are absorbed by the Ocean

- The Ocean represents 97% of the biosphere

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation dedicates more than 60 percent of its financial support to **Ocean initiatives**, including the development of marine protected areas, the protection of threatened marine species, the mitigation of the impact of climate change and acidification on the Ocean and the promotion of innovation in the fight against plastic pollution. In 13 years, the Foundation has initiated or supported over 470 projects around the world for a financial amount or more than 55 million euros.

Additional details on the 2019 Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean can be found at [www.montecarlo gala.org](http://www.montecarlo gala.org).

*\*Please note that all press requests to cover the Gala are subject to review.*

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*About the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation:*

*In June 2006, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco established his Foundation to address our planet's alarming environmental situation. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is dedicated to the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development on a global scale. The Foundation supports initiatives of public and private organizations, in the fields of research and studies, technological innovation and socially-aware practices. The Foundation supports projects in three main geographical zones, the Mediterranean Basin, the Polar Regions and the Least Developed Countries and focuses its efforts on three main areas: climate change, biodiversity and water resources. The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation has 10 international branches in Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the USA. Visit [www.fpa2.org](http://www.fpa2.org) to learn more.*

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## **Robert Redford Joins HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco In His Fight for the Future of the Ocean**

*Actor, Activist, Producer and Director To Be Honored at Third Annual Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean*

**August 21, 2019 (Monte-Carlo)** – The [Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation](#) today announced world-renowned actor, activist, director, and producer **Robert Redford** will be honored at the third annual Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean on September 26, 2019 on the terraces of the Opera of Monaco.

Organized by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation with the support of Global Fundraising Chairman Milutin Gatsby, the Gala will conclude a week of activities dedicated to the health of our Ocean. In bringing together global policymakers, business leaders, scientists, and celebrities, HSH Prince Albert of Monaco will once again shine a light on solutions to the existential crisis facing the world's Ocean and its connection with climate change.

"We are delighted to honor Robert Redford, who has highly contributed to raise awareness about the environmental challenges the world is facing," said HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. "Mr. Redford is a long-time champion for climate change action, and it is our privilege to celebrate his life's work."

"I am honored to be recognized by HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco and his Foundation," said Robert Redford. "The Prince's tireless leadership in the fight to preserve and protect our Ocean sets an example we all should follow. It's our responsibility to work together to overcome the challenges before us in the fight to save our Ocean – and in turn, our planet."

Mr. Redford has devoted his career to spurring meaningful change through the power of media. In his films – including; *All the President's Men*, *The Candidate*, *Quiz Show*, *Out of Africa*, and *Truth* – there has always been an underlying message of responsibility and advocacy, whether for the truth itself or for the preservation of the earth and those that inhabit it.

In 1981, Mr. Redford founded the Sundance Institute. The non-profit's annual Sundance Film Festival is one of the largest and most respected film festivals, attracting a global audience to the work of emerging artists in independent film. The Institute's vision states "a story driven by an individual, authentic voice can awaken new ideas that have the power to delight and

entertain, push creative boundaries, spark new levels of empathy and understanding, and even lead to social change.”

In 2005, Mr. Redford and his son, James Redford, established the Redford Center, dedicated to harnessing the power of film, video, and new media to engage people through inspiring stories that galvanize environmental action.

In December 2015 Mr. Redford delivered an inspiring message at the UN Assembly before the COP 21, on behalf of the National Resources Defense Council of which he has been a trustee for over 40 years.

The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation is dedicated to the protection of the environment and the promotion of sustainable development on a global scale. The Foundation supports initiatives of public and private organizations, in the fields of research and studies, technological innovation and socially-aware practices.

All proceeds from the Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean and its auction will support the [Foundation's Ocean initiatives](#), which make up 60 percent of its philanthropic portfolio and include the development of marine protected areas, the protection of threatened marine species, the mitigation of the impact of climate change and acidification on the ocean and the fight against plastic pollution. In 13 years, the Foundation has supported over 470 projects around the world for a financial amount of more than 55 million of euros.

Playing a key role in climate regulation, the Ocean covers more than 70 percent of the Earth's surface, produces 50 percent of the oxygen that we breathe and absorbs 25 percent of carbon dioxide emissions. Overfishing, illegal fishing, rising temperatures and increased pollution are severely disrupting the Ocean's balance.

This year's gala will be the culminating event of a week of activities dedicated to saving the Ocean, including the launch of the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's](#) (IPCC) latest report on the Ocean and climate change. These events are being held in Monaco – a country with a long history of oceanic conservation – to bring world thought leaders together and shine a global spotlight on increasingly dire situations including:

- By 2050, plastics are expected to outnumber fish in the Ocean
- Coastal areas vulnerable to the crisis are now home to nearly half the world's population
- CO2 emissions from fossil fuel companies are destabilizing the Ocean's temperature and causing it to acidify *100 times faster* than at any other point in human history

Previously, the Foundation honored Academy Award winner Leonardo DiCaprio and Orlando Bloom with the “Award of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation” for their work to protect and preserve the Ocean.



Additional details on the 2019 Monte-Carlo Gala for the Global Ocean can be found at [www.montecarlogala.org](http://www.montecarlogala.org). Event co-chairs and performers will be announced in the coming weeks.

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